

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 RANGOO 00420 140533Z

16

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 NEA-11 ISO-00 AF-10 AEC-11 AID-20 CEA-02

CIAE-00 CIEP-02 COME-00 DODE-00 EB-11 FEA-02 FPC-01

H-03 INR-10 INT-08 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 OMB-01 PM-07

RSC-01 SAM-01 SCI-06 SPC-03 SS-20 STR-08 TRSE-00

DRC-01 EUR-25 /192 W

----- 023806

R 140427Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7688

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE RANGOON 0420

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG BM

SUBJECT: BURMESE OFFSHORE OIL NEGOTIATIONS - CURRENT STATUS

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 623 (NOTAL); (B) RANGOON 2608

1. MYANMA OIL CORPORATION IN MID-JANUARY COMPLETED ITS ANALYSIS OF BIDS FOR 19 FINALISTS AND SUBMITTED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO GUB. DECISION BY NE WIN AND CABINET HAS BEEN DELAYED BY PRE-OCCUPATION OF ALL SENIOR GUB PERSONNEL WITH ELECTIONS (JAN. 27-FEB. 10), INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT MARCH 2-6, AND ATTENDANT CABINET RESHUFFLE.

2. CABINET MEMBER SAID FEBRUARY 8 HE DID NOT EXPECT FINAL DECISION AND CONTRACT SIGNING BEFORE MIDDLE OF LATE MARCH,
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 RANGOO 00420 140533Z

"SINCE WE SHALL BE VERY BUSY NEXT MONTH." MOC MANAGING DIRECTOR

DR. AUNG KHIN AGREED DECISION MIGHT NOT BE FORTHCOMING
TILL THEN, BUT IS STILL OPTIMISTIC FOR DECISION WITHIN NEXT
FEW DAYS WHICH WOULD GIVE TIME TO SIGN CONTRACTS BEFORE
END OF FEBRUARY AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. WE STILL EXPECT SIX TO
EIGHT CONTRACTORS TO BE SELECTED.

3. MOC IS DISCOURAGING FURTHER VISITS BY OR CONTACTS WITH COMPANY
REPS TILL FINAL DECISION REACHED.

4. FYI MOC RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING CLOSELY HELD, BUT FROM
VARIOUS INDICATIONS WE BELIEVE COMPANIES NOW RPT NOW HAVING INSIDE
TRACK INCLUDE JAPANESE CONSORTIUM, GERMAN-FRENCH-ITALIAN CONSORT-
IUM, ESSO, ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, AND POSSIBLY AMOCO AND ROBRAY. END
FYI.

5. PARAS 1-3 ABOVE MAY BE SHARED WITH INTERESTED US COMPANIES.
PARA 4 IS SPECULATIVE ONLY AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD WITHIN
USG.

6. FOR SINGAPORE: IF QUERIED ABOUT COMPANIES STILL IN RUNNING,
SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON LIST OF FINALISTS GIVEN REF B PARA 2
(EXCEPT THAT WE HAVE SINCE ASCERTAINED SHELL WAS NOT ON LIST).
LACEY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM, PROPOSALS (BID), OFFSHORE PROCUREMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 FEB 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974RANGOO00420
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: RANGOON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740232/aaaabdzt.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) SINGAPORE 623 (NOTAL); (B) RANGO, ON 2608
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <22 JUL 2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BURMESE OFFSHORE OIL NEGOTIATIONS - CURRENT STATUS
TAGS: ENRG, BM, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005